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CC CPSU RESOLUTION
dated 14 July 1955

On convicted citizen of foreign governments located in the USSR

Deem it expedient to free and repatriate all foreign citizens located in the USSR, who were convicted of crimes committed during World War II, and to free all other foreign citizens whose further detention in prison is not called for by the present security interests of the USSR as well. Drawing on this, accept the following decision relating to convicted citizens of foreign governments located in the USSR:

1. On citizens of Poland, Romania, Hungry, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and MNP, and also Finland.

Consider the repatriation of all citizens of the indicated countries who have served out their time in the USSR, in accordance with the following:

1. Free and repatriate 1,064 people (by country - enclosure No. 1).
2. Transfer to the governments of Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, MNR and Yugoslavia (by country - enclosure No. 1), as criminals, 696 citizens of these countries that were convicted from 1946 to 1951 for participation in atrocities against the citizens of the USSR during the Patriotic War or for espionage against the USSR.

Upon transferring citizens of these countries, as criminals convicted in the USSR, to the governments of the indicated countries, provide them, as well, a list with additional information on the nature of their crimes and their sentences, as well as the amount of time served out.

3. Carry out the repatriation of freed citizens to Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, MNR and Yugoslavia, and also the transfer of criminals to these government, during the 3rd quarter of 1955;

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Carry out the repatriation of freed Finnish citizens during July 1955; leave 5 Finnish citizens, who were convicted in the post war period of espionage (4) and murder (1), to serve out their sentence in the USSR.

4. Commission the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs to inform the governments of Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, MNR and Finland regarding the decision made relating to the convicted citizens of these countries who are located in the USSR in accordance with paragraph 1, section 2 of the first actual resolution, and to come to an agreement on the order and transfer times for the indicated persons.

II. On German Citizens

Deem it expedient to carry out the following measures relating to German POWs and civilians serving sentences in the USSR, according to agreements with the CC SEPG [Socialist Unity Party of Germany].

1. During the impending negotiations with Chancellor Adenauehr [sic] on establishing diplomatic relations between the USSR and GFR, state that the matter of former POWs serving time in the USSR for crimes which they committed against the Soviet people is being examined by the appropriate Soviet authorities and that a favorable solution to this matter is expected.

2. After the successful completion of negotiations with GFR:

a) Release 5,614 German citizens (3,708 POWs and 1,906 civilians) and 180 generals from Hitler's former army, as well as the son of German industrialist Gustav Krupp, Geral'd Krupp, and the son of the former German Ambassador to England Khorst Shlange-Sheningen from further imprisonment and repatriate them to Germany. This means that, German POWs and civilians having residence in GDR will be turned over to GDR authorities, and German POWs and civilians having residence in West Germany will be turned over to GFR authorities;

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b) Place 3,917 German citizens (2,728 POWs and 1,189 civilians), as war criminals, at the disposal of the East and West German governments, who in light of the severity of their crimes committed in USSR territory are deemed inexpedient to free. In so doing, after the agreement with the governments of GDR and GFR, turn over, respectively, persons having residence in GDR to GDR authorities, and persons having residence in West Germany to GFR authorities.

3. After the negotiations mentioned in the first paragraph of the second section, publish a decree from the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR on the release and repatriation to Germany of German POWs and civilians, who are serving sentences in the USSR, after having noted in the decree that the indicated release was accomplished in connection with corresponding requests from the GDR and GFR governments.

4. Approve a draft letter from the CC CPSU to the CC SEPG on matters set forth in this resolution (enclosure No. 2).

III. On Japanese Citizens

Deem it expedient to carry out the following measures in relation to Japanese POWs and civilians serving sentences in the USSR.

1. Continue to repatriate, through the Red Cross, from the USSR, convicted Japanese citizens, who have served out the sentence assigned them by the court. Appoint Comrade Malik to announce to the Japanese delegation in London that the Soviet authorities will continue to repatriate Japanese citizens who have served out their sentences; point out that in accordance with this, measures are being taken at this moment for the repatriation of 16 Japanese citizens and to hand over a list of the indicated persons. Also, announce to the Japanese delegation that the issue of releasing the remaining convicted Japanese citizens located in the USSR is currently being discussed, having expressed the certainty that the USSR Supreme Soviet will grant amnesty to the indicated persons and allow them to return to Japan after the signing of the peace treaty.

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Allow the USSR delegation to hand over to the Japanese delegation a list of all convicted Japanese citizens who are located in the USSR as POWs and a list of civilians as well.

Assign the USSR MID to give the results of the above mentioned directions to Comrade Malik.

2. Release all convicted Japanese POWs and civilians from places of imprisonment and places of settlement as well after the signing of a peace treaty with Japan.

3. In changing the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet's draft order approved on the 23rd of May of this year on granting amnesty to Japanese citizens convicted in the Soviet Union, approve the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet's new draft order submitted by the USSR MID (enclosure No. 3). Publish the order on the next day following the signing of the peace treaty with Japan.

IV. On citizens from other countries

1. Release and repatriate 189 of the 281 convicted citizens of France, Belgium, Holland, Greece, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Spain and Norway with 101 persons remaining to further serve sentences (by country - enclosure No. 4).

2. Keep 10 citizens of the U.S.A., England, Brazil, Luxembourg and Mexico (by country - enclosure No. 5) to further serve their sentences in the USSR.

3. Commission the USSR MID to make an agreement with the governments of France, Belgium, Holland, Greece, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, and also with the embassies of Switzerland, Denmark, Italy and Norway regarding the order and terms of repatriation for the convicted citizens of these countries who have been released from their sentences in the USSR.

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Y[V?]. The release of foreign citizens, convicted, as criminals, in the USSR, from further punishment, as well as their transfer to their respective governments will be made official by an Order from the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

Y1[VI?]. The repatriation of freed foreign citizens and the transfer of criminals to the governments of the corresponding countries is the responsibility of the MVD USSR (Comrade S.N. Kruglov), that is commissioned to initiate a plan for the repatriation and transfer of foreign citizens to their respective countries in agreement with MID USSR.

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Number of citizens of capitalist countries, who are subject to remain to further serve sentences in the USSR

USA	-	3
England	-	2
Brazil	-	1
Luxembourg	-	1
Mexico	-	1
Syria	-	2
TOTAL:		10

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CC CPSU RESOLUTION

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Allow the USSR delegation to hand over to the Japanese delegation a list of all convicted Japanese citizens who are located in the USSR as POWs and a list of civilians as well.

Assign the USSR MID to give the results of the above mentioned directions to Comrade Malik.

2. Release all convicted Japanese POWs and civilians from places of imprisonment and also from places of settlement after the signing of a peace treaty with Japan.

3. In changing the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet's draft order approved on the 23rd of May of this year on granting amnesty to Japanese citizens convicted in the Soviet union, approve the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet's new draft

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V. The release of foreign citizens, convicted as criminals, in the USSR, from further punishment, as well as their transfer to their respective governments will be made official by an Order from the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

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Enclosure No. 5

Number of citizens of capitalist countries, who are subject to remain to further serve sentences in the USSR

USA	-	3
England	-	2
Brazil	-	1
Luxembourg	-	1
Mexico	-	1
Syria	-	2
TOTAL:		10

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Communist Party of the Soviet Union. CENTRAL COMMITTEE

No. P127/XX To: Comrades Mikoyan, Gorshenin, Serov, Baranov and Zorin

20 June 1955

Excerpt from minutes No. 127 of a session of the Presidium of the CC dated 20 June 1955

On convicted citizens of foreign governments located in the USSR.

Commission comrades Mikoyan (convening), Gorshenin, Kruglov, Serov, Baranov and Zorin in the spirit of the change of opinions which took place at the session of the Presidium of the CC CPSU additionally, examine the matter concerning convicted foreign citizens located in the USSR and introduce their own proposals to the CC CPSU, which will consider them at the next session of the Presidium of the CC CPSU.

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CC CPSU

In connection with Presidium of the CC CPSU's mission established on the 14th of March 1955, a commission consisting of comrades Molotov, Gorshenin, Kruglov, Serov, Baranov and Zorin examined the issue of convicted citizens who are in the USSR (POWs and civilians) from Germany, Yugoslavia, Finland, USA, England, France, western people's democracies and other countries.

The Commission will introduce for consideration proposals that provide for the release and repatriation of the majority of POWs and civilians, as well as the transfer of some of the convicts, as war criminals, to the governments of the corresponding countries (GDR, people's democracies and Yugoslavia). In so doing, the political expedience of the transfer of liberated POWs and civilians, having residence in West Germany, directly to the West German authorities, is being taken into consideration. The preliminary agreement with the CC SEPG for all measures concerning German POWs and civilians is stipulated for in the resolution as well.

Aside from this, in accordance with the decision of the CC CPSU dated 24 May of this year, 1,368 Japanese citizens (1,013 POWs and 355 civilians) are eligible for release and repatriation to Japan, some of them are designated to be released as war criminals (those convicted by the Khabarovsk court) to the Japanese government.

The Commission will introduce additional proposals relating to the convicted citizens of KNR (466 people) and KNDR (704 people) in the USSR.

The Commission did not examine the issue of those convicted foreign citizens located in the USSR who were born and

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permanently reside in the USSR.

A draft resolution of the CC CPSU is included.

Please consider it.

[Signature] (V. Molotov)
[Signature "T. Danilov"] (~~K.Gorshenin~~)
[Signature] (S. Kruglov)
[Signature] (I. Serov)
"8" June 1955 [Signature] (P. Baranov)
No. 893/m [Signature] (V. Zorin)

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Enclosure No. 5

Number of citizens of capitalist countries,
who are subject to be liberated and repatriated
or to remain to further serve
sentences in the USSR

Country	Those subject to liberation and repatriation	Those subject to remain to further serve sentences in the USSR
USA	-	3
England	-	2
France	24	5
Afghanistan	21	13
Iran	66	36
Turkey	17	24
Belgium	10	6
Brazil	-	1
Holland	6	4
Denmark	4	2
Spain	2	-
Italy	1	2
Luxembourg	-	1
Mexico	-	1
Norway	1	-
Syria	-	2
Switzerland	3	2
Greece	22	5
Total:	177	109

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Communist Party of the Soviet Union. CENTRAL COMMITTEE

No. P131/VIII To: Comrades Voroshilov, Mikoyan, Molotov (MID), Gorshenin, Kruglov, Serov, Rudenko, Zorin, Pegov,

20 June 1955 [Handwritten "Korobov"]

Excerpt from minutes No. 131 of a session of the Presidium of the CC dated 14 July 1955

On convicted citizens of foreign governments located in the USSR.

Approve the affixed draft resolution on convicted citizens of foreign governments located in the USSR

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